

Haldeman and Hush Money

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Former White House Aide John Ehrlichman was “fully aware” of illegal hush money paid to convicted Watergate defendants and termed the payments “proper” and “necessary” Newsweek Magazine reported yesterday.

Newsweek reported in its

Kalmbach Testimony

editions published today that Herbert Kalmbach, President Nixon's former personal attorney, has told Senate investigators he informed Ehrlichman of the pay-

ments, and that Ehrlichman was “fully aware of the assignment.”

According to the magazine, Kalmbach also has said he was told in 1969 by Nixon's former chief of staff, H. R. Haldeman, to disburse more than \$1 million “left over” from the 1968 campaign to safe deposit boxes around the country.

Kalmbach reportedly has said Haldeman retained ultimate authority to disburse the money over the next two years, during which time Kalmbach handed over at least \$75,000 to Anthony Ulazewicz, an investigator preparing reports on Sen. Edward Kennedy and Mary Jo Kopechne, Newsweek said.

Ulazewicz was later hired as a courier for the hush money to the Watergate conspirators, Newsweek said.

In addition, Newsweek said Kalmbach reported he was pressed to raise more hush money in the presence of former Attorney General John Mitchell.

The magazine quotes Kalmbach as saying he was called to Washington 10 days after the July 17, 1972, Watergate break-in by John Dean for an “ultra-important” assignment. He said the cash payoffs were then begun to the Watergate defendants.

Kalmbach had “growing misgivings” about the payoffs, Newsweek said, and told Ehrlichman about them.

“He (Ehrlichman) assured me it was proper,” said Kalmbach. “He said the secrecy was necessary and that unless I maintained it ‘they could have our heads in their laps.’”